

(b) whether this proposal has been turned down by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Only a few selected schemes of high priority are included in the Centrally Sponsored Programme of the Backward Classes Sector. Since this scheme is not included in that list, it has not been possible to take this up under the Central Sector.

Hospitals in Tribal Areas of Orissa

5486. Shri K. L. More:

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tribal and Rural Welfare Department of the Government of Orissa had requested for Central assistance for the establishment of some more six-bedded hospitals in tribal areas of Orissa within the easy reach of the tribals during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what was the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the State Government have also requested for conversion of the existing six-bedded hospital at Barbil to a twelve-bedded one during 1966-67; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) The provision in the Backward Classes Sector for Health Schemes is just to supplement the health activities in the general Sector for expansion of health facilities in tribal areas. As there was already large provision for opening new hospitals in the districts of Orissa, the State Government was advised to consult their Health

Department in the matter and get the new hospitals so located as to benefit the tribals also living in the interior tribal areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Tribal and Rural Welfare Department, Orissa

5487. Shri K. L. More:

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government giving assistance under the State Sector in favour of Tribal and Rural Welfare Department under the Backward Classes Sector for the establishment of a special publicity unit for the district of Koraput during 1966-67;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been turned down by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes, Sir, but the request related to the year 1965-66 and not 1966-67.

(b) and (c). Publicity among the people, including tribals, about various activities of the Government is one of the functions of the State Publicity Department. As such no assistance was given for this purpose from the Backward Classes Sector.

Integrated Financial Control of Armed Forces

5488. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for integrated financial control of the Armed Forces; and

(b) if so, with what result?